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SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURE IN SMALL HOLDING AREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for making agriculture beneficial in the area of small holdings is under consideration of the government;

(b) if so, the measures being taken in this regard;

(c) the outcome of implementation of these measures so far; and

(d) the reformative steps taken by the Government on the basis of the outcome?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): Several Schemes/Programmes have been initiated for the benefit of small farmers the details of which are given as under:-

Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Plam and Maize (ISOPOM)
The scheme provides for higher subsidy to small and marginal farmers. Under the scheme, higher subsidy is being provided to small and marginal farmers.

(a) For distribution of sprinkler sets, SC/ST, small and marginal and women farmers are provided 50% cost of the sprinkler set or Rs.15000 per set whichever is less − for other categories of farmers assistance is 33% cost of the sprinkler set or Rs.10000 whichever is less.

(b) Assistance provided for pipes for carrying water from source to field is @ Rs.15000 for women, SC/ST, small and marginal farmers and Rs.10000 for other farmers, for a length of 210 metres.

(c) Under the programmes for development of Oil Palm, assistance provided for drip irrigation component is @ 50% of the cost for small/marginal, SC/ST and women farmers with ceiling ranging from Rs.7400 to Rs.9300 and 35% for other categories with a ceiling of Rs.5200 to Rs.6500. Assistance is provided for a maximum of 4 ha. per beneficiary.

National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)

Small and marginal farmers are at present entitled to a subsidy of 10% of the premium charged from them, which is shared on a 50:50 basis by the Central and State Governments.

National Horticulture Mission

(a) Assistance for cut flowers- For small & marginal farmers assistance is 50% of the cost @ Rs.35,000/ha limited to 2 ha. per beneficiary, whereas, for other farmers assistance is 33% of the cost @ Rs.23,100/ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary.

(b) Assistance for bulbulous flowers- For small & marginal farmers assistance is 50% of the cost @ Rs.45,000/ha limited to 2 ha per beneficiary, whereas, for other farmers assistance is 33% of the cost @ Rs.29,700/ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary.

(c) Assistance for loose flowers − For small & marginal farmers assistance is 50% of the cost @ Rs.12,000/ha limited to 2 ha. per beneficiary, whereas, for other farmers assistance is 33% of the cost @ Rs.7,920/ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary.

(d) Assistance for Green House (Hi tech) − For small & marginal farmers assistance is 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs.325/sq.m. for hi-tech and Rs.125/sq.m. for normal Green House, limited to 1000 sq.m. per beneficiary. For other farmers, assistance is 33% of cost subject to a maximum of Rs.215/sq.m. for hi-tech and Rs.67/sq.m. for normal GH limited to 1000 sq.m. per beneficiary.

Mini Mission II of technology Mission on Cotton

The States/implementing agencies are advised to ensure that small and marginal farmers should be given priority and that at least 20% of the benefits flow to SC farmers and 10% to ST farmers. This amount is to be spent for the approved components other than

staff and contingencies. States having higher population of SC/ST farmers, may enhance allocations for the components proportionately. Besides, assistance for supply of sprinkler sets is at the rate of 50% of cost limited to Rs.15000/- per ha. for SC/ST/small/marginal and women and 33% of cost limited to Rs.10,000 per hectare for others.

On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India

States/implementing agencies are directed to ensure that small and marginal farmers are given priority and at least 20% of the benefits should flow to SC farmers and 10% to ST farmers for the approved components. States having higher population of SC/ST farmers, may enhance allocations for the components proportionately.